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his doubt even the medal by and by.
Of Brodie I would say that even were
his labors ~~much~~ more deserving the
they are, ~~it is~~ ~~more~~ ~~as early in the day~~
~~as may not be that they are~~ they are
not of such value or excellence as to
merit at this early period of his career
so preeminent a ~~distinction~~ Burlow Gould
of Dr Bence Jones. I think myself
that the researches are incomplete
I know he is laboring hard in the
same line, and am pretty sure
that in another year or two he will
have some claim to
crown the distinction but even for
him I should be inclined under
existing circumstances, but that is to
~~to this last award, take his~~
~~further discoveries~~
from the present.

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I am, dear Sir

very faithfully yours

S. Hunter Christie
Sec. R.S.

Thos. Brande Esq

My dear Sir

I do not know whether your note is an official circular on the part of the Council, or ~~whether~~ whether the opinion you require is for your own use. I am ~~sorry but that~~ I have not studied the papers in the list, with that undivided attention which would enable me to ~~be prepared~~ to fully satisfactorily answer your queries. I think highly of Dr Bence Jones's communication – & his inquiries are judiciously conducted, and some of his results of much practical importance – but they are as yet incomplete, and he is still pursuing them, and has, I have reason to believe, recently ascertained some new and curious facts which he will no doubt communicate to the Society. I ~~do~~ think the adjudication of the Medal & this would be premature

Graham, has had the medal.

My dear Sir

I do not exactly understand whether your note is an official circular sent by order of the Council, or whether you desire to obtain it ~~for~~ requiring for your own information ~~and guidance~~

If the application is in the hands of the Council I fear it is out of time. It is ~~Error~~, as I am not on the Chemical Committee, to which I believe, such matters are referred.

If you ask my confidential opinion & guide your recollection of the Council I should say that there is no name upon the list to which I should object as ~~a~~ deserving & adjudged the Medal. Dr Andrews has had it – and Dr ~~Andrews~~ has Professor Graham – and there is nothing from those to ensure excellence as to call for a second adjudication of the Medal. The only other names that occur are those of Dr Bence Jones and Mr Bowman ~~& the~~ of whom are strong men, and both

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